

Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism National Security Division U.S. Department of Justice

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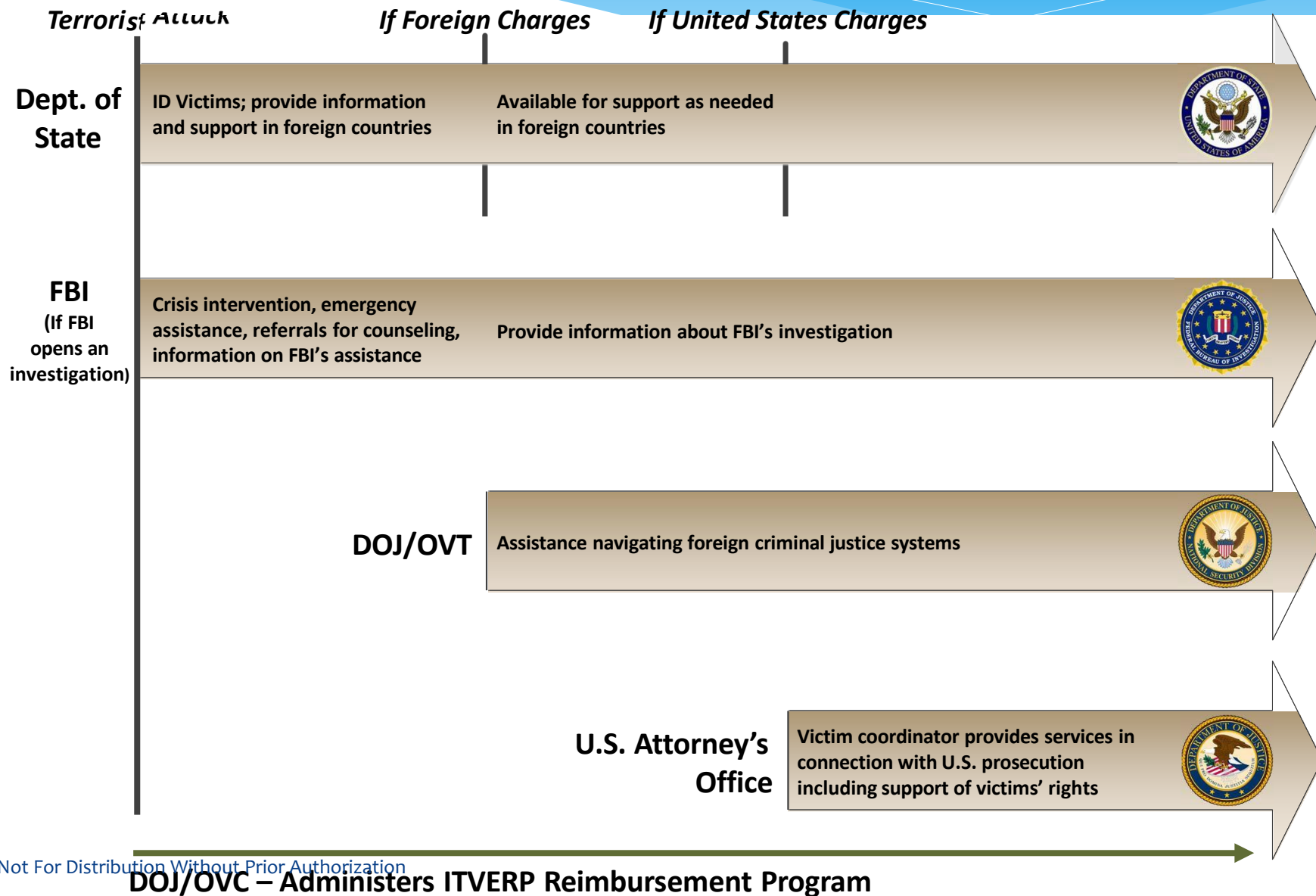
What is the Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism (DOJ/OVT)?

- * DOJ/OVT was established by Congress in May 2005
- * Mission Statement:
 - * The Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism (DOJ/OVT) provides support to U.S. victims of overseas terrorism by helping them navigate foreign criminal justice systems and by advocating for their voices to be heard around the world.

What is the Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism (DOJ/OVT)?

- * Mission Statement (cont'd):
 - * Our office consists of attorneys and professionals with expertise on crime victims' rights and counterterrorism issues. We help victims and their families understand foreign criminal justice systems and participate in those systems to the extent permitted by foreign law.
 - * We are committed to an efficient and effective continuum of services for overseas terrorism victims through our partnerships with other U.S. Government agencies and components within DOJ.

U.S. Government Response to U.S. Citizen Victims of Terrorism Overseas



What does DOJ/OVT do for U.S. victims of overseas terrorism?

- * Provide up-to-date information on the foreign judicial process and the foreign criminal justice system;
- * Coordinate with the AUSA, CTS Attorney and FBI case agents to provide a password secure website for U.S. victims and family members, to assist in keeping them updated on the foreign court proceeding;

What does DOJ/OVT do for U.S. victims of overseas terrorism?, cont'd

- * Provide assistance to interested U.S. victims and family members to attend the foreign court proceeding through the Criminal Justice Participation Assistance Fund (CJPAF) and to receive certain financial benefits through International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP).

DOJ/OVT and ITVERP

The Three Main Requirements

- * 1. The Terrorist Incident Occurred Outside the United States;
 - * 2. The Victim is a U.S. Citizen or an Employee of the U.S. Government;
 - * 3. Expenses Directly Related to the Terrorist Incident.
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- * Administered by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
 - * Terrorism Designation is done by the NSD AAG (designation is for ITVERP purposes only)
 - * There are currently 314 designations (as of 6.20.19)
 - * ITVERP is a fund of last resort

ITVERP Reimbursement Levels

TYPE OF EXPENSE	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
Medical	\$50,000
Mental Health	\$5,000
Property Loss, Repair, or Replacement	\$10,000
Funeral and Burial	\$25,000
Miscellaneous	\$15,000

COSTS NOT COVERED

Attorneys' fees and legal expenses
Pain and suffering
Lost wages and loss of support

Criminal Justice Participation Assistance Fund (CJPAF)

- * CJPAF covers foreign travel expenses for one trip to include: flights; short-term lodging (not to exceed 14 days); local transportation (e.g., between airport and hotel, to and from court proceedings), and per diem costs;
- * Supports one victim and a support person;
- * Decided on a case-by-case basis;
- * Must be to attend or participate in court proceedings.

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